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And also the Gaol Delivery for the

County of *MIDDLESEX*,

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BEFORE the Right Honourable STEPHEN THEODORE JANSSEN, Eſq; Lord-Mayor of the City of *London*; Lord Chief Baron PARKER *, Mr. Juſtice CLIVE †, the Honourable Mr. Juſtice WILMOT ‖, WILLIAM MORETON, Eſq; Recorder ‡; and others of his Majeſty's Juſtices of *Oyer* and *Terminer* for the ſaid City and County.

London Jury.	Middleſex Jury.
Benjamin Rackſtrow,	Walter Lee,
Joſeph Pluckroſe,	William Wilton,
John Bunce,	William Boozſhire,
John Halliſax,	Francis Sutton,
John Griffin,	James Price,
John Cleaveland,	John Nicholſon,
Matthew Shepherd,	John Ayers,
James Stevenſon,	Thomas Gaff,
Samuel Man,	Richard Spences,
St. John Burroughs,	John Shepherd,
George Toe,	George Rawlinſon,
Edward Woodcock.	Anthony Batman.

251, 252. (*L.*) Suſannah Bird and Hannah Morris, were indicted for ſtealing one linen handkerchief, value 10 d. the property of John Weedon, May 29. *

John Weedon. On the 29th of May, I was in the King's-bench, Guildhall, to hear a trial; one Mr. Tolderoy told me he ſaw the priſoner Bird take a handkerchief out of my pocket; I felt, and miſſed mine; I charged an officer with her; ſhe was taken into another room; and, upon ſearching her, my handkerchief was found lying underneath her as ſhe ſtood.

N. B. *The characters* * † ‖ ‡ *direct to the Judge by whom the priſoner was tried; alſo (L.) (M.) by what Jury.*

Q. How come you to charge the other priſoner?

Weedon. The witneſs did that; ſeeing them as he ſaid, buſy together.

Thomas Tolderoy. I was in the court of King's bench, Guildhall, on the 20th of May, being ſubpœned there on a trial. I ſaw the two priſoners come, and by their behaviour, I thought them to be pick-pockets; they were very busy about a gentleman's pocket, and I told him to take care, for I thought they had pick'd his pocket; he ſaid he had felt a hand in his pocket, but had loſt nothing, having ſecured his handkerchief before; then they moved to another part of the court. I ſaw them go to the proſecutor, and as they were both ſtanding together by him, I ſaw a handkerchief lifted up from his pocket; I know not which of the priſoners took it out, but I ſaw Bird conceal it.

Q. Did you ſee Morris make any attempt on the other gentleman's pocket.

Tolderoy. I can't ſay I did; Bird ſeemed to be the buſieſt; they appeared as companions.

Q. Did you ſee the handkerchief found again?

Tolderoy. I did; it was found under Bird's cloaths as ſhe was ſtanding.

Q. Which was neareſt the proſecutor when you ſaw it taken?

Tolderoy. I can't ſay which was neareſt.

Q. How near was you to them at the time?

Tolderoy. I believe I was about ten yards diſtance.

Marmaduke Gibſon. On the 20th of May I was in the King's-bench, Guildhall; the two priſoners were pretty near me, attempting a gentleman's pocket; the laſt witneſs and I tap'd him on the ſhoulder, and aſk'd him, if he had not loſt any thing; he ſaid he felt a hand in his pocket, but he had ſecured his handkerchief; then

the prisoners removed to where the prosecutor was. I had my eye upon them, and saw the prisoner Morris take a handkerchief from his pocket, the other prisoner was then close by her; they had walk'd round the hall together. After Bird was secured, I saw the handkerchief under her; which the prosecutor swears was his. (*The handkerchief produced in court, and deposed to.*)

John Percifull. I was charged with Bird, and took her into the sitting alderman's room; there searching her, I found the handkerchief under her cloaths. The prosecutor said it was his. After that, I was charged with the other prisoner, and I insisted upon searching her, but she said she would not be searched by me or any body else; but I searched her, and found only one handkerchief upon her (*producing it.*)

Morris. That is my own handkerchief.

Bird's defence.

I am innocent of the fact.

Morris's defence.

I was but just come into the hall as they took me; I know nothing of this woman, (*pointing to her fellow-prisoner.*) I was not with her.

Q. to Tolderoy. Are you sure you saw Morris with Bird when the handerchief was taken?

Tolderoy. I am certain of it; and that they were together before that was taken.

Gibson answered the same to the question. Both Guilty.

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253. (*M.*) Mary Morris, spinster, was indicted for stealing one metal watch, value 40 s. the property of Daniel Thomas, privately and secretly from his person, June 29. †

Daniel Thomas. I went as far as Highgate with a friend of mine that was going farther into the country, last Sunday, and coming back about nine at night, I met this woman at the bar, at a stile betwixt Highgate and Kentish-town. When I was with her, I know I had my watch in my pocket. We were pretty intimate together, and I missed it before I parted with her.

Q. Was you criminal with her?

Thomas. That is the whole truth. — I charged her with taking it; she deny'd it. She said she would go with me to a constable; so I took her to one: when we came there, she charged me, and I charged her; and the constable took us both to St. Giles's Round-house.

Q. Did you ever see your watch again?

Thomas. No: never. Acquitted.

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254. (*M.*) Thomas Clark was indicted for one pair of silver spurs, value 10 s. and two holland shirts, value 10 s. the goods of Robert Seymour, Esq; May 4. ‖

Robert Seymour. The prisoner was my servant; he came into my service the 31st of March last, and left me on the 5th or 6th of June. I went out of town about the end of May, and returned the 5th of June. Complaints were made to me of several irregularities he had been guilty of in my absence: upon which I intended to have discharged him; but he saved me the trouble, for he ran away that day. He came once or twice to my house after this; but I had not any opportunity of speaking to him. He sent the keys on the 6th of June, which he had had in his charge, of the linen and other things, the cellars, and of his own room. Upon which, I examined my things, and found several missing, which I have not laid in the indictment; I have only laid the things I have found again. I apply'd to a magistrate, who granted a warrant to apprehend him: he was taken on the Tuesday following, and put into the Round-house. The constable shew'd me a paper, which he said the prisoner had wrote; the contents were, where I might find some of my things at some pawnbrokers. I went to the prisoner, and took him before a magistrate. The prisoner did not deny taking the things.

Q. What were his words?

Seymour. He said, when I mention'd the things that were missing, that part of the charge against him was true, and part false.

Q. Did he distinguish what part was true?

Seymour. He did not. A search-warrant was granted, and the constable went to the pawnbrokers mentioned in the paper, and the spurs, and two shirts were found, and the pawnbrokers came with them to the justices. (*Produced in court, and deposed to.*)

Q. By what do you know the shirts?

Seymour. I know them to be mine by the *cloth*, the *make*, and the *mark*.

Q. Where had they been used to be kept?

Seymour. In a drawer in my house.

Q. When did you see them last?

Seymour. I can't tell when I saw these particular shirts last.

Q. Were they in the drawer when you went out of town?

Seymour.

Seymour. I can't tell where they were particularly; nor do I know when he pawn'd them.

Q. Where were the ſpurs?

Seymour. They, with other plate, were deliver'd into his care, within a day or two after he came into my ſervice.

Q. Had you ſeen them after you deliver'd them into his care?

Seymour. No: I had not, from that time, till they were found at the pawnbrokers.

Q. In what capacity was the priſoner with you.

Seymour. He was my footman.

John Lewis. I am conſtable; Mr. Seymour ſent for me laſt Sunday was three weeks, about ten o'clock. He told me his ſervant had robbed him of theſe things.

Q. Where does Mr. Seymour live?

Lewis. He lives in Mount-ſtreet, by Groſvenor's-ſquare. He gave me a warrant, and ſaid the man was gone away; and I took him near Kilbourn turnpike, in a field, making of hay; and told him I had a warrant againſt him for robbing his maſter.

Q. Did Mr. Seymour tell you what things he had loſt?

Lewis. No; he had not then. There were ſeveral things put in the warrant; the priſoner began to ſwear, and ſaid, if he had known of the warrant, he would have been an hundred miles off: I brought him to our round-houſe; he told me where the things were pawn'd, and gave me a paper, where to find them, but could not tell the pawnbrokers names; the ſilver ſpurs were pawn'd in Tyburn-road, two ſhirts and two ſtocks in another place, and a pair of buck-ſkin breeches at another place. Then I went and acquainted the proſecutor with it; we took the priſoner to juſtice Fielding; there was juſtice Beedwell and Mr. Clark, who examined him; he was committed to the Gate-houſe for farther examination. Then I had a ſearch-warrant put in my hand to go and ſearch for the things, and the priſoner went with me, by order of the juſtice. We went firſt to a place near Carnaby-market, where he ſaid he had pawn'd the breeches; the priſoner ſaid there, he delivered them to a girl, but they denied knowing any thing of them; then we went to Francis Parry's, where we got the two ſhirts and two ſtocks.

Q. Where does he live?

Lewis. In Shepherd's-ſtreet, by Hanover-ſquare; after that, we went to Mr. Cock's, in Tyburn-road, and there found the ſilver ſpurs; the pawnbrokers went with us before the juſtice with the things.

Anne Parry. I live in Shepherd's-ſtreet, am wife to Francis Parry; the priſoner brought two ſhirts and pawn'd them with me; one on the 3d of April, and, I think, the other on the 30th of March, one for 5s. the other for 6s.

William Cock. I live in Oxford-road. *(He takes the ſpurs in his hand.)* I believe theſe are the ſpurs the priſoner pawn'd with me, which I delivered to the conſtable, and which he kept two days and delivered to me again.

Q. to conſtable. Are theſe the ſpurs this evidence delivered to you?

Lewis. I received a pair of ſilver ſpurs of the evidence, and kept them two days, and delivered them to him again.

Q. to Cock. Are theſe the ſpurs he delivered to you after the two days?

Cock. They are the ſame.

Priſoner. To be ſure; I did pawn the things where the gentleman mentions. Guilty.

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255. *(M.)* **John Sibthorpe**, was indicted for ſtealing one bay gelding, value 8l. the property of Roger Atwood, June 20. †

Abraham Atwood. Roger Atwood is my father; he is a butcher at Baſingſtoke; we loſt a bay gelding the 20th of June.

Q. When had you ſeen the gelding laſt?

Atwood. None of our people had ſeen him for a fortnight before he was miſſing.

Q. Where was he in keeping?

Atwood. He was at graſs in my father's ground.

Q. When did you ſee him again?

Atwood. I ſaw him laſt monday was ſen'night at Mr. Blakes's, at the Croſs-keys, St. John's-ſtreet, and ſwore to him, as my father's property.

Q. From what pariſh was he taken away?

Atwood. From out of the pariſh of Baſingſtoke.

Q. When did you firſt ſee the priſoner?

Atwood. I ſaw him the ſame day I ſaw the horſe at the Croſs-keys, in Clerkenwell-bridewell; I aſked him if he was the perſon that took the horſe; he ſaid, I am.

Q. What is the horſe worth?

Atwood. He is worth 8l.

William Blakes. I keep the Croſs-keys in St. John's-ſtreet. On Friday was ſen'night, pri-

priſoner brought the bay gelding to my houſe, and ordered the horſe to ſtand there, and have a ſeed of corn, ſaying he was going to ſell him; he went away, and the horſe ſtood in the ſtable till the Friday after; then a gentleman, named Bell, in Cow-croſs, came, and ſaid, the priſoner had liv'd with him ſome time before, and that he had truſted him to ſell a horſe in Smithfield-market, and he had ſold the horſe, and ran away with the money; and on the Friday was ſen'night, the other witneſs came and challenged the horſe, as his father's property; his father came alſo with him, and he ſwore to the horſe.

Priſoner's defence.

I was coming up to ſee for a place; I met with two dealing men; they aſk'd me where I was going? I ſaid I was going to Smithfield-market; they deſired me to take the horſe up to the market, and told me they would follow me, and pay me for bringing him there. Guilty, Death.

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256. *(M.)* **Eliſabeth Lloyd**, ſpinſter, was indicted for ſtealing one bed quilt, one pair of linen ſheets, four woolen bed curtains, one copper pot, one copper tea-kettle, one braſs fender, one pewter diſh, one looking-glaſs, one braſs candleſtick, two pillow bears, one diaper napkin; the goods of John Brignell. The ſame being in a certain lodging room let by contract, &c. May 10. * Guilty.

257, 258. *(M.)* **John Conqueſt** and **William Jackſon**, were indicted for making an aſſault on John Nevil on the king's high-way, putting him in corporal fear and danger of his life, and taking from his perſon one ſilver watch, value 3l. one ſilver watch chain, value 3s. one ſilver ſeal, value 1 s. his property, June 16. *

By the deſire of the priſoners the witneſſes were examined apart.

John Nevil. On the 16th of June, I was at this hither end of Stanmore, at a public-houſe drinking, the priſoners were oppoſite me; I have known Conqueſt from a little boy. I went to go home between 12 and 1 at night. I had not been long gone out of the houſe; I was ſcarce got above the length of this ſtick from the door, *(holding a walking-ſtick in his hand)* before the priſoner *Conqueſt* flew at me, and ſwore he would have my watch; the other priſoner was with him. I believe they took me 40 poles out at the town's end, before he got the watch, for as he got hold of it I ſtrove to keep it, and by pulling the ſeal it came all to pieces. He ſwore he would have my watch or my life.

Q. Did Jackſon do any thing to you?

J. Nevil. He never concerned himſelf one way or the other, only ſaid I ſhould not be abuſed.

Q. from Conqueſt. Was not the proſecutor very much in liquor?

J. Nevil. How came I to know you John? I was in liquor, but had been aſleep, and was come to myſelf, but I did not think Conqueſt would have meddled with me above all men in the world. After he had got my watch I went back again to Mr. Snockſel's, who keeps the inn where we had been drinking, and told him what had happened, and he and others went and took the priſoners on the road.

Q. from Conqueſt. Did the priſoner ever know any harm of me in his life?

J. Nevil. I think this is too true John, you uſed me with very ill manners, and I begged for my life as hard as ever any man begged for a bit of bread.

John Snockſel. I keep the Queen's-head at Stanmore; the priſoners came into my houſe I believe between 9 and 10 o'clock at night on Sunday was ſen'night: there were 4 of them at firſt, but it being field-day, they being all ſoldiers, two of them went away, but the two priſoners ſtaid. The proſecutor was in my houſe at the time, we had been looking at his watch juſt before. The ſoldiers uſed me very ill at that time, and I was afraid they would uſe the proſecutor ill after he was gone, as they went out about the ſame time. After ſome little time the proſecutor called, and deſired to be admitted into the houſe again, but I was afraid of my life, and durſt not open the door. When I found they had got Nevil away, I ſent my ſervant after them, who came and informed me Nevil had loſt his watch; I ordered him to fetch the horſes that we might follow them. I and Smith Terry mounted and purſued them. We overtook them juſt on this ſide the Welſh-harp, and rode on to Kilbourn, and called up two people and told them the caſe; they got up, and by their aſſiſtance the priſoners were ſecured and taken to a public-houſe at Hampſtead. I wanted to know where the watch was, and at laſt Conqueſt ſaid, it does not ſignify any thing, for the watch muſt come out, ſaying here it is in the corner of my coat; where we found it ſlipt down into the lining, the chain was on it, but I think the key and ſeal were broke off, but they were found in the ſame place. Then we took them before juſtice Errington, the watch was deliver-

ed to the conſtable *(produced in court and depoſed to by the proſecutor)*.

Q. *from Conqueſt.* Was not Nevil ſo drunk that he was forced to be left at the turnpike, and could not go on?

J. Snockſel. He was very ſober then, and could tell what was done to him.

Smith Terry. I was at the Queen's-head at Stanmore on the 16th of June, there were four ſoldiers, the priſoners were two of them, the other two went away about 11, but the priſoners ſtaid till about 12; the proſecutor went out of the houſe about that time.

Q. Which went out firſt, he or the priſoners?

Terry. I cannot ſay which; after they were out there was ſome noiſe at the door, but I did not go out. About a quarter of an hour after I went out, and ſaw the two priſoners going by the door towards London: then I deſired Mr. Snockſel to call up two of his men to go and ſee for the proſecutor, fearing they were murdered. He called them up, then I and they went to ſee for him.

Q. What are the mens names?

Terry. One's name is William Pinchbeck, the other Charles, but I do not know his other name.

Q. Which way did you go?

Terry. We went towards London; when we came down to the new road end we met him juſt turning the corner, about 2 or 300 yards from the Queen's-head.

Q. Was he drunk or ſober?

Terry. I cannot ſay which, for I did not drink with him, he ſeemed to talk very well. He told us Conqueſt had taken his watch from him; then Mr. Snockſel and I took horſes and purſued them. We paſt them at the 6 mile ſtone. We called up two men at Kilbourn to aſſiſt us, and the priſoners were taken at St. John's-wood. We took them to the Cock at Hampſtead; there Conqueſt delivered the watch up to Mr. Snockſel, and he gave it to the conſtable.

Q. Where was the watch?

Terry. It was in the right ſide lining of his coat. We took them to juſtice Errington's.

Q. *to proſecutor.* When you went out of the houſe, did you go towards London, or from London?

Proſecutor. They brought me towards London, but if they had let me alone, I was to have gone the way from London to my houſe.

William Jewel. I am drawer at Mr. Snockſel's. When there was a great noiſe at the door after the proſecutor and priſoners were gone out, my maſter ſent me to the door to liſten what was done. I heard the priſoner Conqueſt ſay to the proſecutor, he would have his watch or his life.

Q. Was Nevil drunk or ſober then?

Jewel. I believe he was not in liquor.

Q. Which went out of the houſe firſt that night, the priſoner or Nevil?

Jewel. The priſoners did, and Nevil ſoon after them. I heard Conqueſt ſay, don't hug the watch, for he would have it, or his life.

Q. How do you know it to be Conqueſt that ſaid this?

Jewel. I know his voice, and they were at the door on the out ſide.

Q. Did you tell your maſter what you had heard at the door?

Jewel. I did.

Q. *to Snockſel.* How came you not to interpoſe here at this time,

Snockſel. I was afraid they had ſwords, and I had been ſhut up in a room for fear of them ſome time before; they had behaved very bad at my houſe.

Michael Timms. I live at Kilbourn at the Rebellion. On the 16th of June laſt, Mr. Snockſel and Smith Terry, called me out of my bed between 3 and 4 in the morning, and told me that were a couple of foot-pads coming on the road. They deſired my aſſiſtance. I and Daniel Wood went. We mounted their horſes, and went round and by St. John's-wood, (that is a little field called by that name) we took the priſoners. There we ſaw George Longland. I called him to our aſſiſtance. I told Conqueſt, we came to take him for a highway robbery committed that night. He ſaid he knew what I meant, but I was miſtaken.

Q. Where was Snockſell and Terry at the time?

Timms. They were coming on foot about 30 yards diſtance. Jackſon had this weapon in his hand when I ſeized Conqueſt, *(producing a hanger)* drew it about 3 or 4 inches out of the ſcabbard. I bid him draw it no farther, but give it me. Then he gave it me, ſaying, there it is; and reſigned quietly. *(It muſt ſeem ſtrange to the reader that the two armed priſoners ſhould reſign ſo quietly.* Note, *Timms had in his hand a piſtol when he demanded Jackſon's hanger, which he did not mention till the trial was over.)* We bound them, and took them to a public-houſe; there Conqueſt ſaid he was too tight bound, and deſired ſomebody would ſlacken him. I ſaid, if he would tell where the watch was, I would. Then he took the la

...et of his coat up, and ſaid, here it is, I know ...r will be found; and delivered it. Going along ...he fields, Conqueſt threaten'd me, ſaying, he'd ...o for me as ſoon as he got releaſed.

Jackſon. We have orders from our officers, to carry our hangers with us, when we walk out.

Daniel Wood. I live at Kilbourn. *(He confirm'd the laſt evidence's account, and produc'd a hanger taken from Conqueſt.)*

George Longland. I was one of the three that took the priſoners. I live at St. John's-wood. I took Jackſon. He made but very little reſiſtance. We told them it was on ſuſpicion of a highway robbery, and tied their hands behind them.

Q. What was that little reſiſtance they made?

Longland. It was Jackſon drew his hanger near half out of the ſcabberd. We took them to a public-houſe, but I was out of the houſe at the time the watch was found.

Conqueſt's defence.

Laſt Sunday was fortnight, about two o'clock, Jackſon and I came off guard. I went down to Stanmore to ſee two children of mine. We were going along the road; and met with a friend that gave me part of a mug or two of beer. We got to Mr. Snockſell's about ten o'clock at night. It was too late to ſee them then. There I ſaw Mr. Nevil; he ſhook hands with me, and gave me part of a pint of beer, and we drank two or three pints after. About eleven, Mr. Snockſell told Mr. Nevil to go home. He was very much in liquor. I went to go to the ſign of the Crown, to ſpeak to a friend; he was gone to bed. Coming back, this Nevil was ſitting on the bench at the door, almoſt aſleep. I ſaid to him, will you go home. He ſaid, I am ſo much in liquor, I do not know whether I can or not. I ſaid, we are going your way home. We were coming up to London. He roll'd againſt the brick-wall, and would have tumbled down, if I had not held him up. I ſaid to him, you have got a watch in your pocket, give it me; I'll take it, and keep it for you, for you are ſuddled. He took it out of his pocket, and put it in my hands. I ſaid, I'll bring it ſafe the next day.

Jackſon's defence.

What Conqueſt ſays, is all very true. I can only repeat the ſame. Both Guilty of Felony. Acquitted of the Robbery.

259. Martha Collins, widow, was indicted for ſtealing one ſtuff petticoat, value 2 s. one ſtuff gown, value 6 d. one hat, value 1 s. one check'd apron, value 1 s. the goods of Martha Clemonts, ſpinſter, June 27. No evidence appeared. Acquitted.

260. *(L.)* William Rice, was indicted for ſtealing 6 pounds weight of tobacco, value 5 s. the goods of Nathan Arnold, Feb. 20. ‡

Nathan Arnold. I employ'd the priſoner at the bar to ſpin tobacco into rolls, with 4 or 5 boys to help him. I can prove nothing myſelf.

Q. Have you miſſed any tobacco?

Arnold. It is impoſſible to miſs ſuch a ſmall quantity out of 4 or 5 tons, which ſometimes we deliver at a time.

Chriſtopher Higham. I am 15 years of age next March. I work with the priſoner for Mr. Arnold. I ſaw the priſoner make up two parcels of tobacco, and put one in a bag, and laid it on my ſhoulder, and the other he put in another boy's lap.

Q. Where was this?

Higham. This was in the warehouſe. He bid us go and wait at the corner of Gray-friers, till he came; and he came in leſs than two minutes, and took them, and away he went with them.

Q. What quantity was there of it?

Higham. About 6 pounds, as near as I could gueſs.

Q. Whoſe tobacco was it?

Higham. I am ſure it was Mr. Arnold's tobacco; for there was none of any body's elſe.

Edward Cheney. I heard the priſoner own before Mr. alderman Scot, that he put a parcel of tobacco in a bag, and put it on this lad's ſhoulder; and deliver'd another parcel to another boy; and he alſo begg'd of Mr. Arnold to be merciful to him.

Priſoner's defence.

I have work'd with Mr. Arnold ten years, at times. This is all from an old grudge which he owed me.

To his character.

Jacob Collier. I have known the priſoner about a twelvemonth. I never heard but what he was a very honeſt fellow; he lives next door to me.

John Jones. I have known him ſome time; he is a very honeſt lad, in his way, and works hard for his bread.

George

George King. I have known him about fourteen months. He is a very honeſt man.

Thomas Howard. I have known him ſince the firſt of November, to be a very honeſt man.

George Dennis. I have known him two years; I never heard a bad character of him in my life. Guilty.

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261. *(L.)* Sarah, wife of *John* Grant, was indicted for ſtealing one ounce and an half of ſilk for weaving; the property of John Farrow, June 26. ‡ Guilty.

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262. *(L.)* Mary Turton, ſpinſter, was indicted for ſtealing 18 yards of ſilk ribband, value 10 s. the goods of William Jones, John Jones, and William Crofts, privately in their ſhop, May 22. ‡

William Garſet. I am ſervant to Mr. Jones and Co. at Holborn-bridge. On the 23d of May, about two o'clock the priſoner came into our ſhop, under pretence of buying ſome ribbands. We then were full of cuſtomers. She bought ſome figur'd ribbands of William Jones, one of my maſters; and after that went round to the other witneſs to look at ſome more. She bought two or three different ribbands. When ſhe was ſearched, I took three parcels out of her pocket, and another drop'd from her on the ground; my maſters property.

Q. Who are your maſters?

Garſet. There are three partners; William Jones, John Jones, and William Croft.

James Munet. After the priſoner came to where I was ſerving in the ſhop, I ſaw her take the broad ribband, here produced.

Priſoner's defence.

I did not take the ribband.

To her character.

William Hounſlow. I have known her about 8 or 9 years. She is a very ſober perſon, and always bore an honeſt character in the neighbourhood. Guilty, 4 s. 10 d.

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263. *(M.)* Anne Brooks, widow, was indicted for ſtealing 14 pieces of leather, the property of William Kent, May 22. ‡ Acquitted.

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264. *(L.)* Eliſabeth, wife of *Daniel* Carter, widow, was indicted for ſtealing 14 pieces of leather, the property of William Kent, May 22. ‡ Acquitted.

265, 266. *(M.)* Alice Morris, and Margaret Brannan, ſpinſters, were indicted for ſtealing one ſilver watch, value 30s. the property of John Baden, June 14.

John Baden. On the 14th of June, about 10 at night, I went into the houſe of Mr. Dunn in Little St. Martin's-ſtreet. I had my watch in my pocket when I went there. There was nobody but theſe two girls, and I loſt my watch there.

Q. Was you in liquor?

Baden. I was not.

Q. Had you any acquaintance with them before?

Baden. I had not.

Q. did you meet with your watch again?

Baden. Yes, I did the Friday following in the ſame houſe; the conſtable and I went there and it was found in the bed where the priſoners lay.

Q. *from Brannan.* Did you ſee either of them take the watch?

Baden. No, I did not.

Edward Riley. The two priſoners lodged at my houſe. They came home at a little after 11 o'clock, and the proſecutor and a watchman came after that, and inquired for Peggy; he ſaid ſhe was a friend of hers. I brought Peggy to him, then he laid his hand upon her ſhoulder, and took her out into the ſtreet, and charged the watchman with her, and took her away. After that I heard Alice Morris own to the taking the watch, but I did not hear Brannan own it.

James Fitſurry. The night the proſecutor loſt his watch, he came to my houſe, I being a conſtable, with the priſoner Brannan. I ſent him to the conſtable of the night, but he would not take charge of her. The next day I heard ſhe had the watch, I took her and the other priſoner; I aſked Morris where the watch was; ſhe ſaid when I was ſearching her lodgings on Sunday, the watch was hid in the grate. I went and ſearched it again, and in ſearching the bed they lay upon, I found the watch among the feathers in the bed, in the houſe of this Riley.

Matthias Daws. I went with the proſecutor to the conſtable's houſe, there we had the two girls, we endeavoured to bring them to confeſs what they had done with the watch, and by ſeparating them, they both confeſſed they took the watch.

Q. Did you make them any promiſe on condition they would confeſs?

Daws. There was ſuch a promiſe.

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Brannan's defence.

Edward Riley keeps a very bad houſe, and harbours evey thing that comes there. When my mother and father have come to inquire for me, he has denied me, and when I have any money he makes me ſpend it. He came to me in the Round-houſe, and ſaid if I had not own'd it, and had let him have it, he would have taken care that they ſhould not have found it.

Morris ſaid the ſame.

The confeſſion being fraudulently obtained from them, they were Acquitted.

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265. *(M.)* Richard Sanford, was indicted for ſtealing 2 blankets, value 2 s. one bed-quilt, value 12 d. and 2 harrateen window curtains, the property of Thomas Hodgkinſon. The ſame being in a certain lodging room let by contract, &c. May 20. †. Acquitted.

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266. *(M.)* Mary Martin, otherwiſe Anne Reily, ſpinſter, was indicted for ſtealing one ſilver watch value 3 l. one ſilver chain, value 5 s. one ſeal ſet in ſilver, value 2 s. the property of Henry Urlander, June 27. ‖

Henry Urlander. I had been in an ale-houſe in Silver-ſtreet, going home between 10 and 11 at night, the priſoner overtook me in the ſame ſtreet, and as ſhe came along-ſide of me, ſhe took my watch from my fob, and put it in her boſom.

Q. Was you ſober?

H. Urlander. I was a little in liquor.

Q. Where do you live?

H. Urlander. In Newmarket-ſtreet. The priſoner wanted me to go into a houſe with her; ſhe went in: I wanted her to give me my watch again, and there was a coal-heaver there who took her part, and told me if I did not go away, he would knock me down, ſo I was obliged to go away; I went into old Gravel-lane to get a watchman to take her up, I found one, but he would not go with me, then I went home; and on Tueſday I took her by a warrant, before a juſtice, and ſhe was committed.

Q. Where is the watch?

H. Urlander. She has got it I ſuppoſe, I have not ſeen it ſince.

Priſoner's defence.

The proſecutor went by me with two women about ten or eleven o'clock; he had given one of them a handkerchief; I was at my door, which is oppoſite admiral Matthew's houſe in Silver-ſtreet. They were quarrelling about the handkerchief; he wanted it again, and the woman ſaid ſhe would not give it him, becauſe he had been uſing her. He ſtopt at my door, and ſaid let me come in, and pulled out a ſilver half crown, and ſaid he would give it me if I would let him lie with me. I ſaid, maſter go along, I have got a huſband of my own, and puſhed him from the ſtep of the door, and ſhut the door; then he called out, you have got my watch: then a watchman came, and he told him a woman had got his watch; then I went out and ſaid here I am, take me if you think it was me. The watchman to be ſure would not touch me; I never hid myſelf, nor never ſaw the watch.

Q. to proſecutor. Had you two women with you?

Proſecutor. No I had not, I ſaw none but the priſoner.

Q. Had you been in a houſe with any woman?

Proſecutor. No, I had not.

Q. How came you into that alehouſe?

Proſecutor. I went there to call for a pint of bear to drink with my landlord; I had uſed to go there now and then.

Q. What company was there in the houſe?

Proſecutor. I ſaw none at all. Acquitted.

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267. *(M.)* Edward Bradford was indicted on the coroner's inqueſt for ſlaying Peter Boulton. †

Peter Law. On Sunday the 8th of June, about ſix o'clock in the evening, I was at my maſter's ſhop, Mr. Hogath, an apothecary in Vigo-lane. I ſaw the priſoner and the deceaſed Peter Boulton at ſome diſtance from me. They had ſome words about eighteen-pence. I ſaw the deceaſed ſtrike the priſoner; the priſoner returned it; they were parted. After that the deceaſed came and ſtruck him again, the priſoner was taken from him a ſecond time. The deceaſed ſtript himſelf, and ran to ſee for him again at a conſiderable diſtance. Then he returned and found him among the people, and ſtruck him again. Then I was obliged to go into the ſhop.

Q. Did you ſee the priſoner ſtrike the deceaſed?

Law. I did.

Q. What was the deceaſed?

Law. He was a chairman and ſoldier. After he was dead I opened a vein.

Q. Did you ſee the priſoner ſtrip'd?

Law. No, he was not when I ſaw them. I did not ſee the laſt of it; he did not chuſe to fight, and ſaid he would not fight.

Edward Winwood. I ſaw a crowd of people. Preſently I ſaw a man ſtrike the priſoner; the priſoner ſtruck him again. They were parted; he came at the priſoner again; then the priſoner upon that ſtruck him again, when they were parted a ſecond time. Then the chairman went into Swallow-ſtreet: preſently he came back again, and ſaid he would lick him. Somebody ſaid the young man was gone croſs Saville-row; the other ran with his arms open to the end of it, ſwearing he would lick him. At laſt he found the priſoner; the priſoner ſaid he did not want to fight. The deceaſed ſtruck at him, and gave him two or three blows in the face. Then they had two or three blows together; they were parted, and the company perſuaded the priſoner to ſtrip, and then he pull'd off his cloaths; and they had had but a few blows before the accident happen'd, the man was laid dead, but whether by a blow or the fall I know not. Guilty of manſlaughter.

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268. *(L.)* Mary Smith, widow, was indicted for ſtealing 24 guineas, privately and ſecretely, from the perſon of Samuel Meadwell, his property.

The indictment charged her a ſecond time with ſtealing 24 guineas, the property of Samuel Meadwell, in the dwelling-houſe of Thomas Green. Jan. 13, 1749. ‖

Samuel Meadwell. I live with Mr. Richard Belſon, a diſtiller on Breadſtreet-hill, in the capacity of a diſtiller. In January the 10th, five years ago, there came two young women to me, one about nineteen, the other about thirty years of age, to my maſter's.

Q. Where did you live then?

Meadwell. I lived then with Mr. Henry Simpſon, a diſtiller on Snow-hill. They told me there was ſomething very particular in my face; and if I would croſs their hands with a bit of ſilver, they would be of very great ſervice to me.

Q. Was the priſoner with them then?

Meadwell. At that time ſhe was not. On the day following, which was the 11th, to the beſt of my knowledge, at near eight in the morning, as ſoon as I had opened ſhop, the ſame two women and the priſoner came.

Q. Was any body with you in the ſhop at that time?

Meadwell. There were Alexander Robinſon, and Philip Davis in the ſhop at the time. The other two told me privately, they had brought perſon that had practiſed Aſtrology for m years. Then the priſoner deſired I would with her a little to a public-houſe. I went w her to a public-houſe over the way. There priſoner at the bar told me ſhe could be of g ſervice to me in a day or two, if I would fol her directions.

Q. Did the other two go with you?

Meadwell. They did.

Q. What directions did the priſoner give yo

Meadwell. In the firſt place I was to get t peppercorns, and a little ſalt, and two guine put them into the corner of my handkerchief, ſhe was to procure a little mould and put it them. Then I was to put it into my pock ſaying ſhe could not be of ſervice to me t day, but the next day ſhe would tell me what do; and by the morning ſhe would provide mould, and deſired I would have the two guin in my handkerchief, which I did; and the n morning at the appointed time, between ſe and eight o'clock, being the 12th, ſhe came.

Q. Did the other two women come with he

Meadwell. They did, then we all went to public-houſe again. The priſoner aſked me had got the two guineas ready? I told her I They were in the corner of my handkerc She had got ſome mould, and ſtirred it in al with the gold, ſalt and peppercorns in the ha kerchief. Then ſhe aſked me how much mo I was worth of my own? I told her I believe was at that time worth 25 l. She told me I m againſt the morrow morning get it all into own hands, and wrap it up in the corner of handkerchief; and that in ſuch a corner of cellar a very large quantity of money had be hid.

Q. Whoſe cellar?

Meadwell. In my maſter Henry Simpſo cellar; and I was to receive that money hid the cellar, if I would follow her directions being a young country lad juſt come to to not knowing the nature of theſe cheats, thou to be over rich in a hurry. I endeavoured get all my money together againſt the n morning; there was ſome money due to from my maſter for wages, but I did not thi it proper to aſk for that, ſo I went to Mr. M ris, an apothecary in Coleman-ſtreet, and b rowed 10 l. and I had the reſt in my o cuſtody. That made it up 25 l. 4 s. or guineas, which I put all together in my han kerchief, with the mould, ſalt and peppercorn

Q. What countryman are you?

Meadwell. I am from Northamptonſhire; they all three came to me the next morning as uſual at the time; they were very punctual as to time; it was about 8 o'clock, they did not chuſe to go to that publick-houſe any more. Then we went to the houſe of Thomas Green, a publick-houſe at the bottom of Fleet-market. There they talked to me a great deal in regard to my good fortune. They aſk'd me to ſee the handkerchief and the money; I produced it, and opened it my own ſelf, and held it in my right-hand, as it was in the corner of my handkerchief.

Q. Did you take it out of the handkerchief?

Meadwell. No, I did not, it lay in it; then the priſoner came and ſtroked it over, and croſt it with her finger; and likewiſe ſaid ſome verſes, what they were I cannot ſay. She had her hands very buſy all the time, on one ſide my hand, and the other on the other. And at this time I believe ſhe privately got my Money from me; ſhe told me there was ſome plate with this large fortune I was to receive; but ſhe did not deſire any of the plate, but expected I would make her a preſent of ſome of the money. She likewiſe deſired ſhe might tie one knot, and the other of the handkerchief, which I granted; and we did ſo.

Q. Which knot did ſhe tie, the firſt or the laſt?

Meadwell. To be poſitive I cannot tell which ſhe tied, ſhe bid me put the handkerchief into my pocket; I did, and thought I had my money there. She deſired I would not look at it till two or three hours after the time I put it in my pocket.

Q. Were the two other women with you all the time?

Meadwell. They were; at the three hours end I was to go down into the cellar of my maſter, and in ſuch a corner; ſhe named the farthеſt corner on the right-hand, and there to open my handkerchief, and there the money was to be; and with only putting my hand to the ſtone, I might lift it off, and there I would find an iron pot with the money mentioned in it, then we parted. I came home, and was anxious to know my good fortune; and I believe I opened it rather before my time, for I began to think I was flung; it came into my head there would be no ſuch thing.

Q. How long do you believe it was before you opened it?

Meadwell. I believe it was two hours before I did; when I opened the handkerchief, to my great ſurpriſe, I found only five ſhillings in ſilver, three pennyworth of halfpence, and two pieces of lead, or pewter melted down; one of them had an Impreſſion on it, like the ſtamp of a halfpenny, the other I think was plain.

Q. Did you open your handkerchief in the cellar?

Meadwell. I did.

Q. What before you had ſearched in the corner ſhe mentioned?

Meadwell. Before I had ſtrictly ſearched it.

Q. How could you expect to find money there?

Meadwell. I wanted to know where my own money was.—I began to think then, when I found theſe things only inſtead of my own money; I went up ſtairs, and was very ſolitary.

Q. Did you ſhew what you found in your handkerchief to any body?

Meadwell. I did; the firſt perſon I ſhewed them to was my two evidences here, Robertſon, and Davis.

Q. Did the priſoner tell you where ſhe lived?

Meadwell. She ſaid ſhe lived by the Fleet-market, and had for twenty years; but I cannot poſitively tell the houſe now.

Q. Did you go to look for her?

Meadwell. I did; I went round and inquired for ſuch a perſon; but could not find her.

Q. When did you ſee her again?

Meadwell. I never ſaw her again till the fifteenth of May laſt; then I took her up.

Q. Where did you find her?

Meadwell. I was ſtanding in Mr. Belſon's ſhop, my maſter, on Bread-ſtreet, hill; and ſaw her at thirty yards diſtance. She came up to the door, and came a little way in; whether ſhe knew me or not I cannot ſay; but ſhe directly turned out again, and went away.

Q. Do you know whether ſhe ſaw you or not?

Meadwell. I know ſhe ſaw me.

Q. Did ſhe walk gently away, or in haſte?

Meadwell. She walk'd a good pace away, and went in a grocer's-ſhop, over the way. I ſtood at my maſter's door till ſhe came out again. The moment I firſt ſaw her, I was all of a tremble. When ſhe came out, I went over and aſked the clerk in the ſhop, what was her pretence in coming there? He told me, ſhe aſked him if he would buy any ſtockings; ſhe went down the hill,

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and I after her; I paſt her, and turned and faced her, and looked well in her face; I let her go out of our neighbourhood.

Q. Was ſhe alone?

Meadwell. There was another woman with her. I let them go into Queen-ſtreet, Cheapſide; there I took her.

Q. Did you know that other woman that was with her.

Meadwell. I can't ſay that was one of the women that was with her when ſhe came to me on Snow-hill. The firſt words I ſpoke to her, when I ſtop'd her was, can't you tell me my fortune. She ſaid, Lord bleſs me, ſir, I never knew any thing of that kind in my life. I ſaid, don't you remember ſeeing me at ſuch a houſe; did you not defraud me of ſo much money? Then the other woman jump'd up to me, and laid hold of my hand, and begg'd for mercy; and ſaid, the priſoner never had been in town in her life before, being come to town but that very day.* The priſoner ſaid, ſir, you are miſtaken; I am not the perſon. I reply'd, I am very poſitive you are the woman that defrauded me. Then they both hung about me, one on one arm, and the other on the other, and begg'd that I would be merciful to them. I told the priſoner, what mercy the law would afford, ſhe ſhould have, and no farther. They deſired I would conſider what I was about. I ſaid, I was certain the priſoner was the woman, and ſhe ſhould go before my lord mayor. They aſk'd me to go into a houſe before we got there, juſt at the bottom of Walbrook; but I told them my time was very ſhort, and ſhe ſhould go there. They both cry'd, and begg'd I would give her a little time. Then the priſoner halted, and fell lame all on a ſudden; and ſaid, ſhe had got a ſore leg. They both, at that time, hung about me, and begg'd I would be merciful to her. The other woman came as far as the bottom of the ſteps at the Manſion-houſe; and would have went in with her, but the priſoner ſaid to her, *No, no, you muſt not come.* She then went away, and I took the priſoner before my lord; and he examined the priſoner and me. There I ſwore ſhe was the perſon that robb'd me. His lordſhip committed her to the Poultry-compter.

Q. Now, look upon her again; the time you ſpeak of is a great while ago; be careful; are you now ſure that is the very woman?

Meadwell. Yes, my lord, I am. I am poſitive ſhe is the woman.

Court. Conſider; the time you ſpeak of, was the year 1749.

Meadwell. I do conſider: I am very poſitive her. She told me ſeveral times, when her hand were buſy about mine, to look at her face, and aſk'd me, if I ſhould be ſure of knowing her again. I believe ſhe ſaid a hundred times (do you think you ſhall know me, if you ſee me again) ſaid I, I am ſure I ſhall know you again. She then appointed to come the next morning to have her dividend of what I was to give her out of what I was to find in the cellar; but ſhe never came near me. She preach'd a deal of godlineſs; and told me ſhe practis'd ſuch things by the art of aſtrology, before very great people, princes, and the like; and that ſhe had many good books.

Croſs examination.

Council. I think you ſay, when ſhe came to you ſhe directed you to get two pepper corns and a little ſalt; and ſhe was to procure a little mould; and you was to put theſe, with two guineas, in the corner of your handkerchief; and after that, you ſay, you got twenty four guineas?

Meadwell. It was ſo.

Council. Did you put the twenty-four guineas in the handkerchief?

Meadwell. Yes; I did put twenty-four guineas in the handkerchief including that two guineas.

Council. Can't you recollect who tied the firſt knot?

Meadwell. To the beſt of my knowledge, I did; but I am not certain.

Council. Did you ever deliver the handkerchief to her?

Meadwell. No; I did not.

Council. Had you the handkerchief in your hand the whole time?

Meadwell. I had.

Council. Can you take upon you to ſwear you did not deliver the handkerchief with that money in it to her?

Meadwell. I can ſware it; I did not deliver it to her.

Council. Who put it into your pocket?

Meadwell. I did.

Council. Was not ſhe to put it into your pocket?

Meadwell. No,

Council. Then, when you put it in your pocket, you really believed there was ſuch a ſum of money in it?

Meadwell.

* *For the truth of this, ſee the time her proſecutrix ſwore ſhe was robb'd by her, laſt ſeſſions, in Aldermanbury,* N° 235.

Meadwell. I being a raw country fellow, believed that.

Council. Did you really contract with her to give her a ſum of money?

Meadwell. It was to be left to my generoſity.

Council. At whoſe houſe was this?

Meadwell. At the houſe of Thomas Green.

Council. Where is that houſe?

Meadwell. That houſe is pretty near the bottom of the fleet-market.

Council. Where did you live then?

Meadwell. I liv'd then on Snow-hill.

Council. About what time of the day was this handkerchief tied up?

Meadwell. About eight o'clock in the morning.

Council. After the laſt knot was tied, what did you do with it?

Meadwell. I put it directly in my pocket.

Council. How long did you ſtay in that houſe?

Meadwell. I believe I was twenty minutes, or a quarter of an hour in that houſe.

Council. Are you ſure you had the handkerchief in your pocket from the time of putting it in, till you opened it in the cellar?

Meadwell. I am ſure I had. I kept my hand upon it, as I carried it home from the alehouſe.

Council. Did you all the way home?

Meadwell. I believe I did.

Council. How long was the time you was to have ſtaid before you opened it?

Meadwell. I believe I was to have ſtaid three hours after I got home; and inſtead of that, I opened it in about two hours.

Council. Did not you lock it up in a drawer after you got home?

Meadwell. No, I did not; but kept it in my pocket.

Council. Which pocket?

Meadwell. It was in my breeches pocket.

Council. What was you about the two hours after you got home?

Meadwell. I was about my maſter's buſineſs in the ſhop.

Council. Did you ever pull up the ſtone to look at the money?

Meadwell. I did.

Council Did any body ſee you?

Meadwell. I believe the two witneſſes here did; but I will not take upon me to ſay, they were there. I ſhew'd them what I had got in my handkerchief, in the room of the twenty-four guineas.

Council. Are you ſure this is the very woman?

Meadwell. I am. I would not take a falſe oath for five millions of money: nay, I would not, if I was ſure to gain the world by it.

Council. Can you ſay ſhe had your 25 l.

Meadwell. The other women never came near me, ſo as to touch me all the time.

Council. Have you been in Newgate, ſince the woman was there, to ſee her?

Meadwell. Yes; I have.

Council. What was your buſineſs with her?

Meadwell. I carried a perſon that was defrauded by her ſince I was, and he knew her; but would not take upon him to have to do with it, it being a ſcandalous affair. He is an officer in the exciſe, and lives in or near Moorfields.

Council. Can you ſay, after all, you are certain as to the woman?

Meadwell. I poſitively declare I can ſwear to her in any part of the world.

Alexander Robinſon. I was apprentice to Mr. Simpſon on Snow-hill, when the proſecutor came to live there in the year 1748. I ſaw the women that came; but it was by the light of a lamp we had in our ſhop. I never ſaw 'em by day-light; I can only mention the circumſtances of his being defrauded. I can't ſwear to the priſoner.

C. Give an account of what you know.

Robinſon. To the beſt of my knowledge it was in January 1748—49; I can't poſitively take upon me to ſwear to the day; to the beſt of my remembrance it was about the 10th or 11th; he ſhew'd me his handkerchief in the forenoon, in the bed-chamber where we lay. There were in it 3 d. in halfpence, 5 s. in ſilver, and two pieces of lead; one was plain, the other had an impreſſion on it.

Q. Did you go with him into the cellar afterwards?

Robinſon. No; I did not. He then informed me he had borrowed 10 l. of an apothecary in Coleman-ſtreet, to make up 24 guineas at that time.

Q. Did he tell you in what manner ſhe had defrauded him?

Robinſon. He ſaid he had what he ſhew'd me in exchange for the 24 guineas which he had tied up in one corner of his handkerchief.

Philip Davis I don't know the woman. I liv'd with Mr. Simpſon at the time this happen'd. The proſecutor told me of it two or three days after he had loſt his money. I know it was within a week. I was with him that morning that a woman came to him in the ſhop; but I did not ſee her face. They went over to the Swan on Snow-hill together.

Q. Did

Q. Did you go into the cellar with him afterwards to ſee the ſtone?

Davis. No; I did not. He ſhew'd me the two pieces of lead, and ſaid there were 5 s. in ſilver, and three pennyworth of halfpence; but I did not ſee them. He ſaid he loſt 25 l.

Priſoner's defence.

They accuſe me wrongfully, my lord; I know nothing of it; I never ſaw him in my life.

Court. Have you any witneſſes?

Priſoner. I have. She call'd *Suſannah Norman*, *Peter Norman*, and *Charles Tompſon*; but neither appeared. Guilty Death.

See the trial of Mary Norman, *who was tranſported for a crime of the ſame nature, No.* 424. *in alderman* Cockayne's *mayorlty.*

269, 270, 271, 272. *(M.)* William Warner, George Baker, Thomas Read, and John Davis, were indicted for ſtealing 4 pewter plates, value 2 s. the goods of Eliſabeth Baker, widow, June 12.

Eliſabeth Baker. I keep the Cock, a publick-houſe in White-chapel road; on Thurſday the 12th of laſt month, my ſervant called me up betwixt 6 and 7, and told me 4 plates were taken away by a man. The 4 priſoners were taken, and the plates found upon one of them. *(Produced in court, and depoſed to.)*

Eliſabeth Wright. I am ſervant to the proſecutrix; the four priſoners came into our houſe between 6 and 7 in the morning, three weeks ago next Thurday. They call'd for a pot of beer, and paid for it before they drank it. Read aſk'd leave to go backwards. I ſhew'd him the way, and went out to fill a pail of water. I ſaw him come out of the waſh-houſe; he left the door a-jar; they drank the beer, and went out; I went into the waſh-houſe, and miſs'd the plates; I told Degoe Arnis, who ſtood at White-chapel priſon-gate, one of thoſe men had ſtolen four plates from our houſe. They were all together.

Q. Did they walk gently, or did they run?

Wright. They were going ſlowly along; I ſhew'd him Read; he ſtop'd him; there was another perſon with Arnis, and, by his aſſiſtance, they were all four taken. Then I went and call'd my miſtreſs up, and did not ſee the plates found.

Degoe Arnis. I am a turnkey belonging to White-chapel gaol; I was ſmoaking my pipe at the bench at the door that morning the four priſoners were coming along; they ſtop'd, and had a halfpenyworth of milk of a woman in the ſtreet. When the milkwoman and they parted they ſaid we'll all go together to the Cock, then we'll make our chance. After they were gone in, I went there to ſee what they would be at, and called for a dram. There were three of them ſitting on a bench in the houſe, with a full pot of beer; preſently Read came out of the parlour.

Q. Do you know the waſh-houſe?

Arnis. I do; they go through the parlour to get into it. I was called to let ſome people into the priſon; ſo went away. Preſently after the girl call'd to me, and ſaid, ſhe had been robb'd of four plates by theſe perſons. I ſtop'd them all four; I took them between the two gates of the priſon, and ſearch'd them; I felt the plates in Read's breeches behind; and he put his hand behind him and took them out, and laid them down on the table.

Warner's defence.

Davis and I were going for ſome cattle at Mild-end; we met Barker and Read; they aſked us if we would be three halfpence towards a pot of beer; ſo we agreed, and went into this houſe and call'd for a pot. As ſoon as we came out of the houſe, the maid call'd, Stop thief We ſtopt directly. I did not know that Read had got any thing. We ſurrendered to Degoe; he took us into the court; after we had been there a little while I ſaw the plates lying on the table. I don't know who laid them there.

Barker's defence.

I belong to the Borough-court, and have ſo years. I was coming to White-chapel, to a m that was in trouble; I happened to meet th other perſons; we went into a publick-hou and had a pot of beer. This evidence came while we were there; Read went backward after that we all went out; they call'd, St thief; and Degoe ſtop'd us, and puſh'd us in the lodge; in about a minute after we we there, I ſaw the plates lying; but know nothi who laid them there.

Read. I can ſay no more. All four Guilty.

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273. *(L.)* John Barry was indicted for ſte ing two guineas, one moidore, one ſhirt, val 10 s. the goods and money of John Gutteridge, the dwelling-houſe of the ſaid John, June 15.

John Gutteridge. I am a Bruſhmaker, and live at the corner of Long-lane, Weſt-Smithfield; the priſoner was my journeyman. On Saturday the 14th of June, in the evening I went out of town, and left the priſoner at work in the ſhop; and the money and ſhirt mentioned were lock'd up. I returned on the 16th; I found my till below-ſtairs broke open, and the things above-ſtairs rumbled about; and upon miſſing the ſhirt and money I took up the priſoner.

Q. Did he lie in your houſe?

Gutteridge. No; he did not, except that night, according to his confeſſion. He confeſſed he ſecreted himſelf in my houſe over-night, and lay there till Sunday at noon; when my people were all gone out; and then he took the things.

Q. Where did he confeſs this?

Gutteridge. Both at the Ram-inn, and before Sir Charles Aſgil.

Mr. *Pool.* I was with the proſecutor and priſoner at the Ram-inn, and heard the priſoner confeſs, that he ſecreted himſelf in his maſter's houſe on Saturday-night, and lay there till Sunday at noon; that he rob'd him of a moidore, two guineas, and eighteen-pence, and a ſhirt; and he delivered what money he had left back again.

Priſoner. I am an Iriſhman, a ſtranger in this country. I leave it to the mercy of the court.

Guilty 39 s.

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274. *(L.)* Sarah, wife of *John* Radſhaw, otherwiſe Sarah Radſhaw, widow, was indicted for ſtealing one ſilver watch, value 40 s. the property of John Walker, May 27. ‡

John Walker. On the 27th of May I was in the fields going to Stepney, with the priſoner. We lay upon a hay-cock together.

Q. Was you acquainted with her before?

Walker. I have known her 16 or 18 years; we were neighbours children.

Q. How long were you together that night?

Walker. From 11 over night to 3 the next morning. I had turn'd the chain of my watch within-ſide my breeches, when I lay down. When I awaked about 3 o'clock I was all alone, and found my watch was gone.

Q. Was any other perſon with you?

Walker. No; we were by our two ſelves. I took her up in the Minories about 5 o'clock that night. She would not confeſs ſhe had it.

Joſ. Collet. I am conſtable; I was ſent for to a publick-houſe; the proſecutor there charged me with the priſoner, for ſtealing his watch. I went out and got a watchman; and going along ſhe ſaid ſhe wanted to eaſe herſelf. I bid the watchman be modeſt, and let her ſit down. After that ſhe ſaid ſhe wanted again; and after that again; and made a halt each time. Then I ſuſpected ſhe had the watch about her, and wanted to ſhift it. As we were bringing her through Aldgate ſhe gave her cloaths a ſhug up; the watchman then put his hand into her boſom, and took out a watch. *(Produced in court, and depoſed to by the proſecutor.)*

Lee, the watchman, confirmed the conſtable's evidence.

Priſoner's defence.

I'll take my affidavit I never ſaw a watch upon the proſecutor; I found that watch lawfully; and when he challenged me with it, I did not think it was his watch; for he could neither read or write.

To her character.

Eliſ. Studd. The priſoner is a poor honeſt child, and gets her living by buying old cloaths.

Sarah Dyer. I have known her from a very little girl; I never heard of any fault ſhe ever did.

Mary Read. I knew her before ſhe was half a year old; ſhe is my brother's child; I never knew her in any ſcrape in my life, in any way of robbing. Guilty.

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275. *(M.)* Frances Palſer, ſpinſter, was indicted for the murder of her female baſtard child. She ſtood likewiſe charged on the coroner's inqueſt for the ſaid murder, June 6. *

Anne Dickerſon. I am ſervant to Mr. Hopſore at Highgate, and have been two months this day. The priſoner was my fellow-ſervant; ſhe had lived there about 12 months before me; I took her to be dropſical the firſt day I ſaw her; ſhe and I uſed to lie together. I went to bed on the Thurſday-night yeſterday was month, and whether ſhe came to bed to me or not I can't tell. I awoke at 5 in the morning, and went down without dreſſing myſelf to the clock in the hall, to ſee what o'clock it was. There I ſaw her. I aſk'd her how ſhe came to be up ſo ſoon? She ſaid ſhe was not very well, and was coming up to lie down again. I went into bed, and preſently after ſhe came up, and lay down by me with her cloaths on. She deſired me ſeveral times to get up,

up, between 5 and 6, and ſaid ſhe was not very well. I got up about ſix. She aſked me to get her ſomething to drink; and ſaid ſhe was very ill. I ſaid I wou'd make her ſome mint and balm tea. She ſaid ſhe could not drink it. I ſaid I would get her any thing elſe. She ſaid ſhe had made herſelf ſome caudle, but it was too thick. I aſk'd if I ſhould make her any better? She ſaid ſhe did not care if I did. I made her ſome, and carried it to her. When I went down I was ſurpriſed to find the doors open.

Q. What doors?

Dickerſon. The kitchen door, the neceſſary-houſe door, and a door behind it. I went into that place behind the neceſſary, and look'd about, and miſs'd ſome brickbats out of it. This gave me a ſuſpicion that her diſtemper was not dropſical, but otherwiſe; for I ſaw ſomething about the kitchen that was not there before.

Q. What was that?

Dickerſon. I ſaw ſome blood about. She drank the caudle, and lay there after my miſtreſs was got up.

Q. Did you ſay any thing to the priſoner of your ſuſpicion when you carried her up the caudle?

Dickerſon. No; I did not. After ſhe had drank it, I went down into the kitchen again; then I went up to her again, and aſk'd her how ſhe did? She ſaid ſhe was no better. Then my miſtreſs rang the bell. This was about 7 o'clock. She aſk'd me what o'clock it was: I went and told her. She rang the bell again about 8, and aſk'd for the priſoner, who was her own maid. I told her ſhe was very ill, and could not come down. My miſtreſs got up, and went up to ſee her, and I with her. She told us ſhe was very ill. My miſtreſs came down ſtairs, and mull'd her ſome wine, and ſent it up to her. I ſhew'd my miſtreſs what I had obſerv'd in the kitchen as ſoon as ſhe went there. After that my miſtreſs ſent to Mrs. Haines, a neighbour, to know what was good for her. Mrs. Haines came, and went up to her. When ſhe came down, I told her what I had ſeen in the kitchen; then ſhe ſaid ſhe thought there was ſomething more than what ſhe had told her was the matter with her; and aſk'd me if I had look'd in the neceſſary? I ſaid no. Sometime after that I look'd down there, and ſaw ſome brickbats down in it, and told my miſtreſs of it; and in the afternoon the child was found there; but I was above-ſtairs when it was found.

Croſs examination.

Q. Where did you ſee this blood?

Dickerſon. Some on the hand-towel, ſome on the ground, and ſome on a piece of flanel.

Q. Did you hear her call in the neceſſary-houſe?

Dickerſon. No; I did not. I ſlept very ſound.

Q. Was there any impreſſion in the bed where ſhe lay?

Dickerſon. I could not tell; for I got up in a flurry upon miſſing her.

Q. Do you know of any preparation ſhe had made of child-bed linnen?

Dickerſon. No; I never ſaw any.

Barbara Walton. I was ſent for to Mr. Hopfore's on the 6th of June, about 8 at night, as near as I can gueſs. I went up to the priſoner, and found her upon the bed, and aſked her how ſhe did? She made me no anſwer.

Q. Did ſhe know you before?

Walton. No; I never ſaw her before. I examined what was the matter with her, and told her ſhe'd had a child.

Q. Had you been ſhew'd any thing in the kitchen?

Walton. No; I had not then.

Q. Are you a married woman?

Walton. I am a widow, and a midwife. I aſked her where the child was? She ſaid I ſentenced her very hard. I ſaid ſhe'd had a child; and bid her tell where it was. She ſaid ſhe'd had none. I told her I was ſure of it; and if ſhe had not, there was all that belong to a child with her. Then I went down, and told her miſtreſs there was a child ſomewhere; and we imagined it to be in the neceſſary-houſe. Her miſtreſs took a candle, and went along with me there, and look'd down, and ſaw a parcel of brickbats there. We called the next-door neighbour. He and his man came to ſearch it. I went up to the priſoner, and had finiſhed all there. When I came down, there lay the child by the hall door. I wrap'd it up, and carried it to the priſoner, and bid her look at it, and ſee what a fine child there was. She looked at it, but ſaid nothing.

Q. Was this child at full growth?

Walton. There is no certainty as to that; it had nails on its fingers, and hair on its head. I thought it was at full growth.

Q. Was it male or female?

Walton.

Walton. It was a female child.

Q. Was there any experiment made in your presence, to know whether it was born alive?

Walton. No; there was not.

Q. Were there any wounds on it?

Walton. No; no more than what the brickbats had made. There was a little wound on the arm, another on the thigh, and the head pretty much bruised.

Q. Do you think it was born alive?

Walton. There is no certainty as to that.

Croſs examination.

Q. Is it not common, when child-bed pains are coming upon a woman, to have a tendency of going to the neceſſary-houſe?

Walton. Yes; very often.

Q. If ſhe had been drawn to the neceſſary-houſe by theſe pains, might not this child ſuddenly ſlip from her?

Walton. It is very poſſible.

Q. From the appearance of the child, how long might it have been born, do you think?

Walton. About 14 hours.

William Walden. I was ſent for to ſearch the neceſſary-houſe. I went with my ſervant, and was preſent after we had taken up the floor. When he took the child out of the neceſſary-houſe, we laid it upon the ſteps going into the hall door. Mrs. Walton had a pail of water fetched, with which the child was waſhed; then he took it up ſtairs.

Benjamin Colebourn. I am a ſurgeon. The priſoner being ill, I was ſent for. I inquired of the miſtreſs, and the firſt evidence; and ſuſpected there either had or would be a labour. I aſk'd the priſoner a few queſtions; and told her ſhe ſhould ſend for a midwife. She told me ſhe had no buſineſs with a midwife. I told her there was ſomething in her body that wanted to be fetched away, or ſhe would die before morning. Then ſhe conſented. I told her, after the midwife had been with her, I would order her what was proper; but before ſhe had been with her, I could not order her any thing. After the midwife had been with her, ſhe came and told me ſhe'd had a child. Then I ordered her ſomething; and the next day I ſaw the child in the priſoner's room.

Q. Was the child at full growth?

Colebourn. It was as much as I can judge of a child.

Q. Why was not the experiment made on the child's lungs?

Colebourn. The coroner aſked me whether I thought the child was born alive? I ſaid it was very difficult to diſtinguiſh that. After that he ſaid, will you try the experiment upon the lungs? And there was water brought up. I aſked him what he did expect upon that? He ſaid, for me to give a final anſwer, whether it was born alive or not. Then I declined it, as looking upon it not concluſive.

Croſs examination.

Q. Have you ever known a caſe where the child has been at full growth, and has been ſtill-born?

Colebourn. I have, many.

Q. Have not women always a tendency to go to ſtool when in ſtrong labour pains?

Colebourn. The major part have: I believe 18 in 20.

Q. Might not that be a reaſon of her going there?

Colebourn. I can't ſay what were her reaſons.

Priſoner's defence.

I had occaſion to go to the neceſſary-houſe, between 4 and 5 o'clock; the clock ſtruck five while I was ſitting there. There I had an uncommon pain took me, and the child dropt from me; and I ſat there ſome time before I could ſtir. I had ſome child-bed linen, which I made in my ſpare time; and I had ſow'd it into my quilted petticoat by my ſide. I called when my pains came upon me, but could not make any body hear me. The reaſon I did not let my child-bed linen be ſeen, was this; I had lived with my miſtreſs a year and a quarter, if I had ſtaid till the 13th of the laſt month; and I had no money to ſupport me in my illneſs, without I had ſtaid my quarter up; and if I had let my caſe be known before, I ſhould be turn'd away, and not have that quarter's wages.

To her character.

Fra. Hathey. I have known the priſoner from a little child. We were both born at Wooten-underhedge in Glouceſterſhire, from whence ſhe came about a year and an half ago. I lived over-right againſt her. The children there were

as fond of her as poſſible, and ſhe ſeemed to take as much delight in pleaſing children. Of all that ever I ſaw of her I ſhould be far from thinking her guilty of doing a murder.

Mary Hathey. I have known her 20 years in Glouceſterſhire. She always had the beſt of characters. I really think ſhe would not be guilty of killing a child.

David Rice. She lived at my houſe, when ſhe was in Mr. Hopſore's ſervice, fourteen months. She behaved very well during that time.

James Rice. I have known the priſoner ſixteen years. I came from Glouceſterſhire. She bears a general good character there. I never heard ſhe was ſuſpected of any ill thing. She is of a very good diſpoſition towards children. I have reaſon to believe ſhe would not be guilty of ſuch an action as ſhe is charged with.

Mary Whithouſe. I have known her thirteen months. I live an oppoſite neighbour to Mr. Rice, where ſhe lived. I always took her to be a very ſober mild-tempered girl.

Richard Maſon. I have known her about two years. She had a univerſal good character by all that knew her.

Eliſabeth Pember. I lived in the houſe with her at Mr. Rice's. We always thought her a very ſober body; far from a cruel diſpoſition.

Anne Siden. I live next door to Mr. Rice. I have known the priſoner about fourteen months. She was always a pretty behaved body. She has taken my children out of my arms and play'd with them. She had a univerſal good character.

David Rice again. I am an apothecary. I remember an inſtance of the like kind: The midwife was playing at cards, and the woman was ſuddenly taken, and dropt the child ſuddenly on the floor; that child had nails on its fingers, and hair on its head. Acquitted.

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276. *(L.)* John F——— I was indicted for ſtealing one ſilver watch, value 30s. the property of John Beaumont, May 26. ‡

John Beaumont. I live at Cripplegate. The priſoner was my journeyman ſome years. I had hung my watch up by the chimney in the kitchen, on the 27th of May, and it was gone the 28th. I charged the priſoner with taking it, and he owned he had taken it, and went to pawn it. And it was found, by his directions, at Nathaniel Warner's, a pawnbroker in St. John's-ſtreet.

Nathaniel Warner. The priſoner brought this watch to me the 28th of May, between 7 and 8 in the morning. *(Producing one depoſed to by the proſecutor.)* I aſked him whoſe it was? He ſaid another perſon and he had been drinking toge ther, and it was that other perſon's; and ſhe wanted ſome money upon it to make good th reckoning. He was then in liquor. I aſk'd hi where the other perſon was? He ſaid at a pub lick-houſe. I bid him go and fetch him. H went away, and I ſaw no more of him; but deſired to know the perſon's name. He men tioned Mr. Beaumont's name; by which meas it was found to be the proſecutor's property. found Mr. Beaumont's houſe; and aſk'd him he had loſt a watch? He ſaid he had. Then gave him directions where to call upon me; an he came and own'd it. Guilty.

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277. *(L.)* William Sparks was indicted fo ſtealing nine pounds and three quarters weigh of pewter, the property of Sarah Mathew widow, May 29. ‡.

The proſecutrix is a pewterer, the priſone uſed to turn a wheel for her; he went with th pewter mentioned, to ſell it at the houſe of M Stevens, a pewterer in Biſhopſgate-ſtreet, an was detected. The pewter *(produced in court* and depoſed to by James Gibbs, a ſervant to th proſecutrix, as her property. Guilty.

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278. *(M.)* Eliſabeth Windall, ſpinſter, w indicted for ſtealing one 36 ſhilling piece, th property of William Blackemore, June 15 †.

William Blakemore. I live in Shadwell; I ha known the priſoner ever ſince ſhe was an infan On the ſeventeenth of laſt month, Nathani Holmes, and William Adams, came to m houſe; and Holmes told me, he had ſomethi particular to ſay to me; but could not tell m then, but would come the next day, which h did; and told me, the priſoner had robbed me the priſoner and her mother had been uſed to truſted about our houſe for years. I got a wa rant and took her up, and carried her befo juſtice Berry, ſhe confeſſed ſhe ſtole a 36s. pie from me on the fifteenth of June; and had ſpe ſome at one place and ſome at another.

M. Blackemore. I am wife to the proſecutor the priſoner came the fifteenth of June to m houſe; I had put a 36s. piece the day befo into a drawer, and there was nobody went in the room but ſhe, and I had lock'd the door; b when I went to ſee for the 36s. piece it wa gone. I had not told my huſband of it, for do not always tell him where my money is. Whe

[illegible] told this by Mr. Holmes, we got a warrant, and took up the prisoner, and she owned to me in her mother's house, she had taken it out of the drawer.

Nathaniel Holmes. The prisoner lives in the same house which I do; she and Mary Spencer, had some words; I heard Spencer say to her, it was only going to Mrs. Blackemore's, and then you can have a guinea, or a 36 shilling piece to change at pleasure. I went and told Mr. Blackemore this, and she was taken up. I heard her confess she opened the lock with a crooked nail, and a pair of scissars, and took a 36 shilling piece out, and had spent it.

Mary Spencer. I have known the prisoner from a child; I had used to go and sit with my work with her; her mother goes out a nurse-keeping. She used to get me to go of errants for [illegible]; I think it is three weeks ago last Sunday, she sent me to the grocer's for some tea and sugar, and gave me a 36 s. piece to change; I went and brought her the things and change. In the [illegible] her mother was lame; she told me her daughter had found some money, and had lodged it in some particular person's hands, and used to [illegible] it as she wanted it.

Q. Did you hear her say in whose hands it [illegible]?

Spencer. No, I did not; but she said, if it was [illegible] her daughter, she must have starved in the [illegible].

William Adams. I have known the prisoner five [illegible] Years; I was the headborough, that served [illegible] warrant upon the prisoner; I heard her confess before justice Bury, that she took the 36s. [illegible] out of the drawer, which she opened with a [illegible], and sent it to a grocer to change and it was [illegible] spent.

Q. Did she say in what it was spent?

Adams. No, she did not.

Prisoner's defence.

I do not know what I said, I was so affrighted. [illegible]

[illegible]79. (*M.*) Frances, wife of *William Norris*, [illegible] indicted for stealing twenty yards of lace, [illegible] 40s. the property of William Vale, pri[illegible] in the shop of the said William, June 13.*.

William Vale. On Friday the thirteenth of June [illegible] the prisoner was at my house in Tavistock-[illegible], I was not within at her taking the [illegible]; but I saw them taken from her by William Cheively; they were hanging on her arm, with her apron turned over them (*producing three pieces.*) These are them, they are my property; and were made near Newport-pagnell, Buckinghamshire.

William Cheively. I live next door to the prosecutor; I took these three pieces of lace from the prisoner, about two or three in the afternoon, on the thirteenth of June.

Q. did you see her take them?

Cheively. No, but I saw Mr. Vale's servant come by my door, and *hip* to the prisoner, who was going from his shop. She stopped, he said now madam I have catched you; he brought her back to his master's door, I followed him, he desired to know what she had got under her apron; she unturned it from over her arm, there I saw these three pieces of lace, and took them; she seemed to be in a great confusion, and denied the taking the lace, and said; a woman had thrown it into her lap. I put my seal upon them, after I had put them in a paper, and they have not been opened till I came into court.

John Timothy Swanson. I am journeyman to the prosecutor; the prisoner came to our shop to buy some lace; I shewed her some, I saw her take two of the pieces, and suffered her to go out of the shop about ten yards; then called her back, and we found three pieces upon her, all my master's property. She was taken before the justice, there she told me a woman had thrown it into her apron.

Q. to Mr. Vale. What is this lace worth?

Prosecutor. It cost me upwards of 4 l.

Prisoner's defence.

I am very innocent of the Affair, I know no more of it, than the child unborn.

To her character.

Elisabeth Stokes. I have known the prisoner six or seven years; as to this, I have nothing to say to it, but I never heard any harm of her before.

George Mabbs. I have been acquainted with her ten or a dozen years; she is very honest, and very good for what ever I heard.

Fra. Brittain. I remember her twenty five years.

Q. Have you known her lately?

Brittain. I have.

Q. What is her general character?

Brittain. I never knew any harm of her.

John

John Smith. I have known her two years, I never heard any thing ill of her in my life.

Guilty of ſtealing, but not in the ſhop.

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280. *(M.)* Mary Moor, widow, was indicted for ſtealing four yards of Iriſh linen cloth, twelve Italian artificial flowers, four ſleeve buttons, one fan, three japan ſaucers, one china cup, one china baſon, one ſilk purſe, two 36s. pieces and ſix guineas, the property of Thomas Turner, in the dwelling houſe of the ſaid Thomas, June 2.

The proſecutor depoſed, he had been drinking in company, and returned home merry, not drunk, on the ſecond of June, at about a quarter of an hour after 11 at night; that he pulled out his green ſilk purſe, in which was about 16l. to take out 3d. in order to ſend the priſoner, his ſervant, for a pot of beer. The priſoner ſaid, the ale-houſe people were gone to bed, then he declined to ſend; that ſhe told him all his other ſervant were gone to bed; that he went to bed, and put his breeches under his head, with that Money in them. That the priſoner bid him a good night, and took away the candle. That about four in the morning, the priſoner come into his room; he aſked her buſineſs, ſhe ſaid ſhe came for ſome foul linen to waſh, he went to ſleep again, and ſlept till between ſeven and eight. When he came to put on his breeches, all his money and purſe was gone, and the breeches were removed from under his head, and were lying by him upon the bed; that he charged her with robbing him; ſhe denied it; he opened her box, and found the other things mentioned in the indictment; all which he depoſed to as his own property, except the linen. That he had not laid the whole of the money in the indictment, but only ſuch pieces as he could ſwear were in his purſe.

The priſoner in her defence ſaid her maſter had preſented her with the other things, and denied knowing any thing of the money. Acquitted.

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281. Barnaby Horne, otherwiſe Horan, was indicted, for that he, being a ſubject of Great Britain, on the 13th of Auguſt, in the 26th year of his preſent majeſty's reign, with force and arms did procure Alexander Plunket, who being at that time a ſubject of our ſovereign lord the king, to inliſt and enter himſelf into the French king's ſervice as a ſoldier, he being a foreign prince, without leave or licence firſt obtained, &c. He was charged a ſecond time for unlawfully retaining him the ſaid Plunket, with intent to cauſe him to inliſt or enter himſelf to ſerve the French king. He was charged a third time, that he did feloniouſly procure the ſaid Plunket to embark on board a certain ſhip or veſſel, with intent to be inliſted to ſerve the French king as a ſoldier. †

Alexander Plunket. I am an Iriſhman.

Q. What is the priſoner?

Plunket. He is an Iriſhman, as he told me.

Q. When did you firſt come acquainted with him?

Plunket. About three years ago, I came to England, and met one Feilder in Wapping, and I and I went to the priſoner's houſe to drink a pot of beer.

Q. Where did the priſoner live?

Plunket. He kept the Ship on Tower-hill. Feilder called for a pot of beer; the priſoner came and ſat down near us, and aſked me if I was a countryman? I ſaid I was an Iriſhman, he ſaid ſo am I too; he aſked me what trade I was? I ſaid I am a dyer; he ſaid that was a good buſineſs here, take care of yourſelf, and keep out of bad company. Feilder went away, and ſaid as you know where to find me again if you want me: then the priſoner ſaid he knew a young man that wanted ſuch a young fellow as I, as he had very good buſineſs in hand.

Q. Did you aſk him who that perſon was?

Plunket. I did, and he ſaid it was himſelf; then he ſaid, how would you like to go a ſmuggling? I ſaid that is dangerous buſineſs; he ſaid no, not at all, it is not to bring things here, but to carry with things that are to be ſold in another country. I ſaid it is a dangerous buſineſs, and I have no money to go on with it; he ſaid he had money, and I might be back again in eight or ten days time; and he would give me what I demanded; if I did not like it I might be pleaſed. Upon that I conſented to go with him, ſaying, if I ſhall be back in that ſhort time I will go along with you. After that he ſaid, you ſeem to be melancholy, are you ſick? I ſaid no, he, may-be you have no money, and gave me 5s. I ſaid I had enough for my buſineſs preſent; he ſaid put it in your pocket, that will do you no hurt. The next morning he and I went on board a Graveſend boat to Greenhithe, and we ſtaid drinking together beſt part of the

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